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SUBJ: REFUGEES ABOARD JOHN PAUL GETTY

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1. CONOFF AND MICHAEL HARPOLD, ASSISTANT TO
INS COMMISSIONER, BOARDED LIBERIAN TANKER J. PAUL GETTY
ON JANUARY 20 TO INTERVIEW GROUP OF 27 REFUGEES RESCUED IN SOUTH
CHINA SEA. REFUGEES HAD BEEN PACKED INTO 30-FOOT FISHING BOAT
WHICH WAS TAKING ON WATER AT TIME OF RESCUE. HARPOLD USED HIS
AUTHORITY TO GRANT PAROLE TO THESE REFUGEES AFTER DETERMINING
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THAT THEY WERE ADMISSIBLE TO THE
UNITED STATES.

2. AMBASSADOR THEN WROTE TO THE HOME AFFAIRS
MINISTER REQUESTING THAT THE REFUGEES BE ALLOWED TO
LAND IN SINGAPORE. GOS INSISTED JAN. 21 THAT WE ENSURE THE
RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES OUT OF SINGAPORE WITHIN THREE

MONTHS BEFORE GIVING ITS PERMISSION FOR THE REFUGEES TO LAND. THIS ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN BECAUSE WE BELIEVED WE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE. REFUGEES ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO COME ASHORE THIS AFTER-NOON (JANUARY 21).

3. HEAD OF ONE FAMILY OF FIVE WORKED FOR USG IN VIETNAM. NONE OF THE REFUGEES HAS ANY APPARENT CLOSE FAMILY TIES IN THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER RECIPIENT COUNTRY.

4. WE WILL WORK WITH UNHCR TO SEE WHETHER ANY OTHER COUNTRY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY OF GETTY REFUGEES. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE TAKING MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THEM. IN THIS REGARD, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN SPONSORSHIP OFFERS FOR THIS GROUP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO MEET THE THREE MONTH DEADLINE.

5. IN REGARD TO REF B UNHCR WILL OF COURSE BE PROVIDING BILLETING AND PAYING REFUGEES' LIVING EXPENSES. SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT REFUGEES ARE BEING LANDED IN SINGAPORE AS RESULT USG RATHER THAN UNHCR INITIATIVE.

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